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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Burgess et al.

Application No.: 09/186,775

Filed: November 6, 1998

For: MATERIALS AND METHODS
FOR HYBRID SEED PRODUCTION

Examiner: G. Helmer

Art Unit: 1638

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2002. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before July 1, 2002. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination of the above-referenced patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 3, 13, 17, and 27.

Please amend claims 1 and 14 as follows: